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Title: Regarding rehabilitation of fishermen who lost their homes due to heavy rains and Sea erosion.

PROF. RICHARD HAY (NOMINATED): I would like to raise the issue of fishermen of the country. Fishermen live on the coastal region of the country but because of the enforcement of CRZ rules, they are not able to construct their homes in the coastal areas of the country where they have been living for centuries. Hence, I would like to urge upon the Government of India to exempt the fishermen community from CRZ rules.

I would also like to urge upon the Government of India to include sea erosion and the effect of rough sea and consequent losses to fishermen in the Disaster Management Schemes of the Government of India as due to the natural disasters fishermen are losing lives as well as their homes.

I had visited Alleppey and Thiruvananthapuram recently. I found that hundreds of fishermen have lost their homes during the recent sea erosion and heavy rains. Hence, I urge upon the Government of India to take steps to build homes, to rehabilitate them, restore jobs, provide education and also write off loans taken for constructing houses by these unfortunate fishermen families.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel is allowed to be associated with the issue raised by Prof. Richard Hay.